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His name was Rommel and he was my English teacher in Aramco Industrial Training Center (ITC). As a new ITC trainee, I was interested in the reason why Rommel was the favorite teacher for all of the students. I thought then, something is different about this teacher. Later on, I was going to the school in a nice sunny day. To my surprise, Rommel was my teacher in that session. I sat on my chair and then he started to take the attendance. He looked elegant and well- prepared. While calling our names, I was looking to his testy face. He seemed very serious and cruel. Then, he started to introduce himself. He told as that he was a university professor of English and journalism in Manila and Hong Kong. When he finished, my classmates asked him about his age. His response was "I am 51" His answer made us laugh. He was very young looking, he could hardly be 35. He has long black hair and a healthy body. He also was very active during the class. At that class, Rommel was mysterious and had some sort of ambiguity. After three months in his class, he asked me to visit him in his office. I was worried and anxious. I entered his office and he was behind his table and said "have a seat" I became more anxious. Then, he took of his glasses and looked at me and said "after noticing your good performance in class, I found out that you could succeed in college studies" I was silence and listening. Then, he stood up and put his hand on my shoulder and said his words that still ring in my ears and burn like a candle in my brain. He said "education is your best weapon to battle the adversities in your life" then, he asked me to think about what he said and I left the office. Truly, Rommel was a positive influence in my life. I would not be writing this paper today if I had not listened to his advice to value of education.